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JULY 2015 UPDATE



Dear Stitchers,

Need a fast and fun project for your upcoming vacation or while relaxing out on the deck? As the days begin to get lazy and hazy, we're picking projects with more relaxation potential. Knitting and crocheting projects that are meditative, but still interesting. Simplicity is at the forefront, either because we have so much going on with travel, houseguests, home activities, or because we have nothing going on and want to keep it that way.

Our favorite warm-weather, go-to summer projects are from CHURCHMOUSE CLASSICS collection. The *Bias Before and After Scarf* with its simple stockinette and easy bias shaping at the ends is ever-popular with knitters. Ask to see our shop models, made with two wonderful, yet different yarns -- CLASSIC ELITE "Silky Alpaca" and CLAUDIA HANDPAINTS "Linen Sport". Crocheters love *Kelly's Frothy Scarf & Wrap*, also made with "Silky Alpaca". For those of you who both knit and crochet, try layering one of each for a terrific fashion look.

Ready for a fiber adventure like no other? Please join us for ten fun-filled days "crawling" your way through eleven participating yarn shops in the Pittsburgh and western Pennsylvania area! The Steel Valley Yarn Crawl will feature a "passport" to get stamped at each store. It is an excellent opportunity for fiber enthusiasts to discover new patterns, classes and yarns as they peruse the offerings at each store (in no required order). To add to the fun, you will have lots of chances to win PRIZES! We'll be glad to fill you in on all the exciting details.

This is shaping up to be the best stitching summer ever. We are celebrating with a star-spangled promotion, because we believe Made In America matters:

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*** GREAT NEW STUFF ***

If we asked you what you are looking for in a summer project, we would expect answers like: "light, airy, portable, cool-to-the-touch, instant gratification, and easy-but-satisfying". It just so happens that these words can be used to describe our latest collection of yarns, needles and patterns for Summer 2015. While lacy shawls and openwork scarves are the most popular projects, colorful socks run a close third. For this reason, and in response to your requests, we are offering July knitting classes for the Eden Prairie shawl and toe-up Magic Loop socks with German heel shaping. Here's more of what's new, what's now...

Whether you want to brush up on knitting, get a solid understanding of the basics, or need materials to coach a friend, the new CHURCHMOUSE CLASSROOM HOW-TO COLLECTION will fit the bill. *The Learn-To-Knit Companion* (\$15.50) is a 16-page booklet that uses more than 120 photos to demonstrate techniques both for "pickers" and "throwers". Then, there are four *First Projects* patterns (\$7.50 each) for simple projects that even advanced knitters will want to work. Each pattern is a "twosie" (two projects in one) and includes more photo tutorials for the techniques particular to those projects. *Stitch-Sampler Handwarmers & Ribbed Scarf* is shown upper left. Other patterns include *Stockinette-Stitch Cowl & Handwarmers*, *Garter-Stitch Scarf & Sideways handwarmers*, and *Ribbed Beanie & Handwarmers*. Throughout the collection, techniques and lovely finished pieces are shown in hand-dyed MANOS DEL URUGUAY "Maxima", an ultra-soft worsted merino yarn that's easy to knit. You'll find kettle-dyed "Maxima" and other worsted weight choices at Kathy's Kreations, as well as the needles you'll need to get started...

MOUNTAIN COLORS is known for beautiful hand-painted yarns in colorways inspired by the Rocky Mountain West. "Twizzle" (\$29.95, 100 grams, 85% merino wool / 15% silk; CYCA #4) is a fantastic wool yarn plied with a strand of silk to create a heathered marl look with a little zip! Soft and silky, this yarn is a pleasure to knit gorgeous sweaters, soft hats, cozy mittens, and warm wristlets. The big news in yarns this year is gradients (gradually changing colorways). MOUNTAIN COLORS offers a new outlook on gradients called "Perspectives" (\$33.50), a pack of 5 mini-skeins in tonal and complementary shades. These packs are ideal for working shaded infinity loops or scarves, or buy two to make a vest...

Because made in the USA matters, we are proud to bring you WALKER BAGS, great for projects of all kinds. Our newest arrival are the 15" X 12" double compartment zippered clutch totes in colorful nylon mesh (\$45.50). These are large enough to carry a sweater project in one compartment and patterns/tools in the other...

Just because it's summer, don't take a break from caring for your most precious stitching tools -- your hands! We have really cool nail files from WACKY WOOLIES of Ireland (\$2.50) and new supplies of LO-LO TO GO head-to-toe moisturizer in new scents Highlander, Chestnut & Cedar, In Stitches & Beach Bum (\$8.50)...

Need some great designs to spark your creativity? Stop in to personally see some great pieces on display courtesy of KNIT ONE, CROCHET TOO. "Veronica" (shown right) is a stunning summer sleeveless pullover worked with two shades of "Ty Dy" cotton in stripes and chevrons. Also visiting until mid-July are the "Garter Fern Scarf", the Fair Isle triangular "Oslo Shawl", Vine & Arrows Cardi, Diagonal Lace Scarf (a great take-along project in Crock-o-Dye sock yarn), and Primrose Short Jacket. All patterns are \$5.50 each...



*** MORE GREAT NEW STUFF ***

Meet Mrs. Crosby -- a new collection of lovingly curated yarns hand-dyed in beautiful semi-solid colors. Come play! Her versatile yarn is perfect for your knitting and crochet creations. Grab your Hat box from Mrs. Crosby and have a luxurious knitting or crocheting adventure! "Hat Box" (\$27.50, 100 grams, 317 yards, 75% superwash merino wool / 15% silk / 10% cashmere, CYCA #3) is a decadent combination of merino wool, silk and cashmere, and is hand-dyed in absolutely gorgeous tonal colors. This DK/sport weight yarn is a 3-ply that's very soft and bouncy, just perfect for exceptional projects including sweaters, cozy shawls like "Filmstrip" (ask us about this design) and accessories.



Do you have an ID tag on your knitting/crocheting tote for summer travel? Our favorite little accompaniment to this yarn is the luggage tag (\$2.95) which states: "Everyone has baggage, Darling. Grace is determined by how one chooses to carry it". All of our shoppals now have these tag IDs on their knitting totes, just in case it is forgotten somewhere.

We love that its parent company LORNA'S LACES talks about this yarn in third person, making Mrs. Crosby come to life. Our favorite Mrs. Crosby quote: "A great yarn is like a great man. A little work creates something wonderful you'll want to have around for years"...

For the perfect portable summer project, we recommend FIESTA YARNS "Oblique Ribbed Cowl" (\$4.50, shown upper right). This lightweight, slinky cowl is knit with just one skein of elegant ribbon "Gelato" (\$22.50, 3 oz., 260 yards, 100% rayon, CYCA #5). What a luxurious accessory to dress up any outfit!

Speaking of gorgeous ribbons, a new supply of ultra-soft combed cotton LANG "Sol Degrade" is here (\$20.50, 100 grams, 220 yards, 100% cotton, CYCA #4). This ombre yarn is attractively dyed to produce a fantastic long repeat pattern, so that your cotton knits self-stripe all by themselves. Perfect for fancy summer knits of all kinds, this yarn is truly amazing...

Elegant and refined, MANOS DEL URUGUAY "Fino" (\$28.95, 100 grams, 490 yards, 30% silk / 70% extrafine merino wool, CYCA #2) is a soft, shiny single-ply fingering weight yarn in exquisite hand-dyed colors. "Fino" combines the softness of merino wool with the lustre of silk in a lightweight yarn, giving it a soft hand and gorgeous drape that's perfect for heirloom accessories or luxurious garments. "Fino" features a new dye process that yields complex, subtle, tonal colors. It is hand-dyed in large kettles to create a marbled, subtly striated effect that forms a rich palette of glorious colors. No two skeins are exactly alike and there are no dye lots. Kathy recently completed the *Sothia Shawl by Robin Ulrich Studio* in this yarn and loved working with it. Ask us about a Ravelry Pro pattern download for this project...

Need a better solution for eliminating unsightly fuzz balls and lint from your handcrafted garments? GLEENER (\$22.50) is the award-winning ultimate fuzz remover to bring your wardrobe back to life! What makes GLEENER unique is the safe edge system with three specially designed, fabric-sensitive edges that allow you quickly and safely get rid of pills from almost any kind of fabric, fiber or knit. The system's handle and angled brush ensure fast & efficient fuzz removal. This 2-in-1 product also removes lint and pet hair. Unlike other shavers and depillers on the market, GLEENER will not pull, tear or damage your woven or knitted fabrics. Make sweaters and tops look new again. GLEENER is battery-free, ergonomic, and, most of all -- it works!



An optional attachment is the FURniture Brush (\$8.50) which retrieves embedded pet hair from furniture, car interiors, carpets and other surfaces. This multi-tasking Petcessory is the ideal tool for pet owners -- kiss fluff, fuzz and fur goodbye. The brush also can be used to groom and massage your cat or dog (it's Cat Karli-tested & pawsitively approved!)...



*** KNITTED FLOWER EMBELLISHMENT ***

This lovely 5-petal flower may be used to embellish hats, purses, or made into a pin (shown at left).

FINISHED SIZE: Will depend on weight of yarn and needle size

GAUGE: not critical; experimentation is encouraged

MATERIALS: Approximately 30 yards of yarn and corresponding size needles (ex., worsted weight yarn and US size 7 or 8 knitting needles)

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 8 stitches.

Row 1: Slip 1 purlwise, knit across.

Row 2: Slip 1 purlwise, purl across.

Row 3: Slip 1 purlwise, knit 2. yarn over , knit to end.

Row 4: Slip 1 purlwise, purl across.

* Repeat rows 3 & 4 until you have 14 stitches, ending with row 3 (14 stitches).

Bind off 6 stitches on the purl side and purl to the end of the row (8 stitches). *

Repeat from * to * until five petals are completed. Bind off all stitches after last petal.

Weave yarn through holes made by yarn overs and pullup tightly, arranging the petals.

Sew in place, beginning petal to petal and fasten yarn.

From Linda Krue (as presented to the Laurel Highlands Knitting Guild 5/28/15). Thank you for the clever idea, Linda!

*** UPCOMING JULY KNIT ALONG ***

Beginning on **July 2, 2015**, and running throughout the month, the Skacel Progressive Needles Knit-Along with Michelle "KnitPurl" Hunter continues with "**Unleashed**", a delightful convertible mitten set. These mitts feature a handy flip-top which allows them to be worn fingerless, or as a fully covered mitten. They are perfect for texting, dog walking, or knitting outdoors. The pattern is available in sizes child (approx. 4 - 6 years) and adult (fits most). Learn something new while getting a jump on your holiday gifts! Materials include HiKOO "Simpliworsted" (\$16.50, 100 grams, 140 yards, 55% superwash merino wool / 28% acrylic / 17% nylon), one hank for children, 2 hanks for adults; US #6 and #8 double-pointed needles; two 3/4" buttons (shank style preferred). An alternative will be provided for magic loop method.

How do you join in? Michelle Hunter will post instructions on website knitpurlhunter.com every Thursday in July at 9 am Eastern Standard time. Please download and print your instructions. Supplies will be available here for purchase. We will meet here at Kathy's Kreations **EVERY Friday in July from 10 am - 2 pm** (rsvp please) to work on our newest KAL. Can't make it? Follow the July 2015 thread on our Ravelry group, "We Love Kathy's"...

*** SCOREBOARD KAL ***

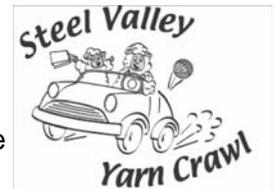
Nothing comes between a sports fan and their team -- until now! Author and designer Michelle Hunter is once again teaming up with SKACEL, to create one of the most highly anticipated knit-alongs of 2015. Slated to kick off with the beginning of the professional football season (we're starting with the Steelers Hall of Fame game), the 2015 Scoreboard KAL will allow fans to capture their team's season in the form of a hand-knit cowl.

The cowl is worked in your favorite team's two main colors; the primary color (MC) represents your team, while the secondary color (CC) will represent the opponent. There is also an option to add a third color, to provide a visual break between games.

The idea behind the design is fairly simple. When your team scores, you will knit a round in the MC for each point attained. Did they score a touchdown? That would be 6 rounds. Was the point after good? Add another round. All rounds are worked in knit stitch. Should the opposing team score, their points will be knit in the CC. You will follow this sequence for the entire game, switching back & forth between MC & CC, depending on who scores. HiKOO "Simplicity" is the yarn of choice, and they added a Steeler gold just for the 'Burgh...

More information can be found at www.scoreboardkal.com





***** WHERE'S KATHY? *****

July 31 - August 9, 2015 Steel Valley Yarn Crawl

We are pleased to announce that Kathy's Kreations will be participating in the Steel Valley Yarn Crawl from **July 31 - August 9, 2015**. Please join us for ten fun-filled days "crawling" your way through eleven participating yarns shops in the Pittsburgh and western Pennsylvania area! This self-guided tour is a great way to see what our local fiber community has to offer and meet other yarncrafters. It is an excellent opportunity for fiber enthusiasts to discover new patterns, classes and yarns as they peruse the offerings at each store (in no required order). The crawl will feature a "passport" to get stamped at each store. To add to the fun, you will have lots of chances to win PRIZES! Along the way, we hope that you will discover new ways to fuel your fiber passion and meet local fiber artists up close and delight in their wares. Best of all, re-kindle your love for all the yarns and fibers that western PA has to offer. Ask us how to obtain your passport!

Each shop will feature a free Yarn Crawl scarf / infinity loop knitted sampler pattern. The project may be made with one or more stitch patterns. Each shop will also feature a free pattern for crocheters, varying by shop. Get a group of friends together and pile in the car to hop from shop to shop.

Kathy's Kreations will have extended hours for this event: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm Monday through Thursday; 8:00 am - 5:00 pm on Fridays and Saturdays; 11:00 am - 4:00 pm on Sundays. As we did last year, we will feature three large door prize baskets (two knit, one crochet), refreshments, special guest Meet & Greets, and more.

Save the dates and stay tuned for upcoming details in our August newsletter!

September 18 - 19, 2015 30th Annual Knitter's Day Out

Join us at Central Penn College in Summerdale, PA in September! This fun-filled event is a day and a half of classes, shopping and camaraderie devoted to knitting and fiber arts, and has been held annually since 1986. Kathy will once again be a Featured Teacher and her classes include Coming or Going (reversible pattern stitches); Colorful Cables (working two color cables) and Smocked Lace Scarf (featuring one of her original pattern designs). Donna Dunlap and Eleanor Swogger will be manning the booth at the Market. KRAEMER YARNS will be showcased, as well as a variety of quality yarns, needles, LISA KNITS designs, patterns and accessories. Registration details are available at www.knittersdayout.org

October 2 - 4, 2015 Fall Fling hosted by Kathy's Kreations

Michelle Hunter will once again be our featured instructor for this wonderful weekend learning experience, taking place at the Ramada Inn of Ligonier. We are pleased to report that this workshop is filled. Please contact us if you wish to be placed on the waiting list...

Save the Dates: Pittsburgh Knit & Crochet Festival March 25 - 27, 2016 ???

Spring Break with Andrea Wong April 15-17, 2016 (Peruvian Knitting and Turkish Slippers)

***** KNITTING TIPS AND TRICKS *****

From Linda Lash (as presented to the Laurel Highlands Knitting Guild 6/25/15): Always wind a hank of linen yarn by hand rather than using a yarn winder. It will help break down the fibers and will result in a softer feel. Thanks for the tip, Linda!

A metal needle gauge has a new culinary use! Insert a sprig of thyme or rosemary snugly into one of the openings, tip edge first. Strip the leaves and discard the stem. Your fresh herbs are ready to chop. Works like a charm -- pick up an extra needle gauge from Kathy's Kreations to keep in the kitchen...



*** TRADE SHOW NEWS ***

One of our roles as your local yarn shop (LYS) is to educate and inform you of each season's key fashion trends, providing you with a wide range of project ideas, products and technical how-to's for successfully completing expressions of your creativity. At TNNA (National Needlework Association Trade Show) in Columbus, OH last month, Kathy & shopgal Karen McCullough caught up with valued industry friends and colleagues, and made some new connections. We have many wonderful products coming your way as a result of our networking. Some are already on our shelves, others will be arriving over the remainder of the summer, so stay in touch!

We enjoyed Friday evening's Sample-It and Fashion Show with our friends from KRAEMER YARNS. There were Missoni-influenced chevron stripes, lots of cardigans with cascading fronts and shawl collars, elbow-length jackets, center-out shawls, hoodies, kimonos, "new look" cape ponchos, long silhouettes with flared shaping and short-row shaping. One of the highlights of the fashion show was Kathy's latest design for KRAEMER YARNS, "Sporty Stripes Cardigan", a hoodie jacket worked with KRAEMER "Perfection Chunky"...

We may say this every year, but this year's selection of yarns was truly amazing. As we told you in last month's teaser, yarn is all about ombre, tonals and gradients in 2015. The assortment of hand-dyed yarns and new independent dyers was very inspiring. One such company is DONE ROVING YARNS, home of "Frolicking Feet Transitions" with its slow variegations (slated to arrive in early July). DONE ROVING strives to maintain at least 75% domestic fiber content in their product lines. One of their specialties is custom team colors, so expect to see some of their black & gold in time for Steelers training camp!

A new addition to the Market this year was the Yarn Cafe, an area where attendees could sample new yarns and try out a variety of crochet hooks & knitting needles. As soon as Kathy picked up MRS. CROSBY's "Hat Box", it was love at first sight. This yarn is distributed by LORNA'S LACES and it is among the first new arrivals from the show at Kathy's Kreations. As Mrs. Crosby says: "When creating something new, remember to accept the adoring stares of others gracefully". We love the whole concept, so expect more of this yarn line to come...

While we were at the SKACEL booth, we talked with knitting friend Michelle Hunter, who will be teaching at our Fall Fling in September. We will be doing Michelle's July KAL, a cowl in HiKoo "Simpli Natural", a marl version of "Simpliworsted", and a corkscrew cable hat October KAL from "Simplicity", to match the mittens from our Fall Fling workshop!

It was fun to run into friends from educational events, like Barb Grossman of PITTSBURGH KNIT & CROCHET FESTIVAL and Elaine Smith of KNITTREAT (shown lower right). We will be a vendor at the Knit & Crochet Festival when it moves to the David Lawrence Convention Center March 4 - 6, 2016 (save the date!). Kathy will be teaching at Knittreat at Bedford Springs November 12 - 15, 2015.

Our favorite booth hands down was that of SKACEL COLLECTION. This booth had the biggest WOW factor with a 15 foot tall teepee constructed of knitted and crocheted patchwork pieces -- what a great stitching achievement! Karen and Kathy met up with Heather Metzgar of Kid Ewe Knot yarn shop and they had their photo taken in the teepee (upper left).

One of the most unique items at the show was SKACEL's "DIY Knit-cessories". Now you can make your own wearable art necklace. The necklace bases are available in ADDI Natura bamboo or Addi Turbo needle styles in two different lengths. The necklaces have a strong magnetized closure in the back, allowing for easy fastening and removal. Wear your passion for knitting around your neck and have some creative fun, too!

While we were at the SKACEL booth, we talked with knitting friend Michelle Hunter (see page 4), who will be teaching at our Fall Fling in October. We will be doing Michelle's July KAL, "Unleashed Mittens" in HiKOO "Simpliworsted", and an October mystery knit-along using an exclusive, limited edition clorway of HiKoo "Rylie" called "Power Pink"...



*** MORE FROM TNNA ***

We signed up for the DREAM IN COLOR Dream Club 2016. This is a wildly popular yarn club, exclusive to yarn shops, in which a specially-dyed luxury yarn colorway is paired with a pattern created by well-known designers showcasing that yarn, only for one month. The patterns are all single-skein projects. Dream Club 2015/16 will start here the first week of September -- ask us how you can join in the fun with a six-month subscription or with our knit-alongs. We are looking forward to the unveiling and can't wait for you to see the colorways...



Kathy was the featured designer at the KRAEMER YARNS booth on Saturday afternoon. She was on hand to meet & greet other shopowners and to autograph the "Sporty Stripes Cardigan" pattern featured in the Fashion Show (see upper right).

Other fabulous folks we chatted with at TNNA Columbus:

- In the XRX booth, Kathy met up with Rick Mondragon and Elaine Rowley. Kathy's upcoming poncho design for the summer issue was on display (see lower left). Sweaters from the XRX book, *Splendid Apparel*, by Anna Zilboorg were throughout the booth -- fabulous embroidery! Be sure to check out a copy of the book now on our shelves...
- BERROCO YARNS new monochromatic yarn "Artisan" will be arriving soon. Spun of silk and wool, and dip-dyed in a range of muted tones that reminds us of Downton Abbey, "Artisan" creates a tonal, tweedy, textured fabric with a luscious hand. Season after season, BERROCO YARNS are imaginative, colorful, comfortable, and always inspire us to be better and more creative...
- CHIAGOO LACE are now our best-selling needles. We love the sharp-but-not-too-sharp points and glide of the bright red cable. We were on hand to help them celebrate their 10th anniversary (the cupcakes were awesome)...
- FRABJOUS FIBERS had a cool theme with their "wonderland" of hand-dyed and handpainted color, or as they call it, "pigments of imagination"! We loved the tea party concept straight from Alice in Wonderland as we "tumbled down the Rabbit Hole" into a colorful adventure to enjoy fresh gradients and Color Morphs. "Mad Hatter" and "Cheshire Cat" yarns are two of their very clever ideas...
- BAAH YARNS' sophisticated colors are so knittable -- we love the unmatched bold colors. "La Jolla" should be arriving later this summer and is Michelle Hunter's choice for our Fall Fling shawl project...
- New products that will be arriving later this summer from NOTIONS MARKETING are sheep mugs, TULIP locking stitch markers with your choice of tulip or heart ends, and "sheepy" items. The "sheep" nail files have already arrived...
- KNIT ONE, CROCHET TOO has two new fabulous yarns for the upcoming season. "Apres Ski", a vibrant soft wool & nylon blend, and "Allagash", a rustic wool blend perfect for weekend wear. These yarns will be coming soon, but, in the meantime, we have a selection of six garments on display from the current summer season in your favorite K1, C2 yarns like "TyDy", "Crock-o-Dye" and "Sebago"...
- WESTMINSTER FIBERS are suppliers of best-selling JAMES BRETT easy care "Marble Chunky". We ordered all the new shades plus your favorites. Oh, yeah, did we mention the baby boomlet that is going on after last winter's awful weather? New baby yarns that will be coming in are ROWAN "Baby Merino Silk DK" (made with heirloom-quality merino superwash wool & tussah silk), and SMC "Baby Smiles" easy care, everyday synthetic blend. New shades of summer staple "Revive" are already here...
- Stop in to hear more about new products, see all the latest "stuff", learn more about fashion trends and how-to's for making it all happen...





*** CALENDAR OF EVENTS ***

Join the "First Mondays" Club for an evening of knitting, crochet and fellowship, at Panera Bread Greengate; Greensburg, PA. Next meeting dates are Monday evenings **July 6, 2015** and **August 3, 2015; 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm**. All skill levels of knitters and crocheters welcome!

*** "KNITTING" AT KATHY'S KREATIONS Tuesdays, July 15, 2015 and August 11, 2015 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm (rsvp) ***

Join us for stitching & lots of fun conversation. All skill levels of knitters & crocheters are welcome! Please call ahead to rsvp in case there has been a scheduling change...

***SATURDAY SIT-N-KNIT July 11, 2015 and August 15, 2015; 10:00 am - 2:00 pm ***

Come sit 'n knit! Join us at Kathy's Kreations for fellowship, stitching, and how-to's for projects purchased here. Open to all skill levels. Please note that the August date is changed (one week later than usual due to the Steel Valley Yarn Crawl)...

*** FUN FRIDAYS, July 17, 2015 and August 21, 2015; 10:00 am - 2:00 pm ***

Join our "knitting community" for fellowship, stitching, and how-to's for projects purchased here. Whether this is your first project or your hundredth, this is the place for you to learn, grow and enjoy being with other knitters and crocheters just like you. Please call ahead to let us know you will be coming, as space is limited. All skill levels welcome!

*** JULY KNIT-ALONG (KAL) ***

Stop by **EVERY Friday in July** from **10 am - 2 pm** (rsvp please) to work on our newest KAL with your stitching friends to cheer you on. This month, we feature Michelle Hunter's Progressive Needles Knit-Along "Unleashed" (see page 4). Not working on the KAL? You are still welcome to come -- simply bring any knit or crochet project purchased at Kathy's Kreations and join the group (free!). You may also follow us on "We Love Kathy's" Ravelry group July 2015 KAL thread...

*** KNITTING CLASSES ***

Many knitters have difficulty getting a neat appearance when knitting with double-pointed needles -- it can be quite frustrating! Learn the how-to's of working "Magic Loop", a technique in which you work in the round with a single circular needle. Instructor **Jeanne Osman** will be teaching "Magic Loop Method Toe-Up Socks" on **Saturday, July 18, 2015, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm**. The class project is LISA KNITS Boomerang Sock Toe-Up SK029. This basic sock features a traditional German style heel shaping, which is easier than a gusset, nice and seamless inside. Student must provide 400 yards of fingering weight yarn; US size 1 or 2 circular needle 36" or 40" and small stitch markers. Class materials will be available for purchase prior to class. Registration fee is \$20.00 plus \$5.00 pattern & noted supplies.

Saturday, July 25, 2015 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Eden Prairie Shawl

For those unable to attend our May or June knit alongs, Kathy will be presenting the how-to's for the "Eden Prairie" Shawl design by Nancy Whitman on **Saturday, July 25, 2015 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Eden Prairie Shawl** (shown upper left). For details, call Kathy's Kreations at (724)238-9320 or e-mail kathy@kathys-kreations.com

Private knitting and crocheting lessons available by appointment. We would be glad to do a specific class topic for groups of 4 or more. Kathy's Kreations has been the helpful hands of experienced knitting for 35 years !

For the hot days ahead, you need to knit or crochet something cool -- maybe an airy scarf, something bright and colorful. It's time to get your summer on, Kathy's Kreations style.
KEEP KNITTING AND CROCHETING! Kathy